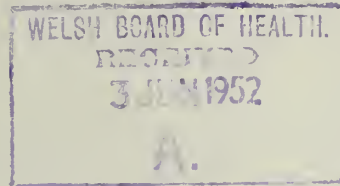


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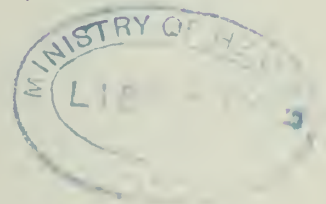
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NEW QUAY
CARDIGANSHIRE

P U B L I C H E A L T H D E P A R T M E N T

ANNUAL REPORT

1950



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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(died December 1950).

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SANITARY INSPECTOR

DYFRIG O DAVIES, Cert. S.I.B.

P R E F A C E

The Annual Report for the year 1950 is being submitted under unusual circumstances for the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. D. R. T. Griffiths, died before the year expired. He had served the authority with distinction for thirty five years and it is with diffidence that I, his successor, prepare an account of the health of a community of which I have, for the year in question, no direct knowledge.

It is gratifying to note that the vital statistics for the year compare favourably with those for the county as a whole, with the exception of the still birth rate which has shown a marked rise. Undue emphasis must not, however, be placed upon a rate computed from small numbers for, when reviewed over a five year period, the still birth rate is not found to be significantly higher than in the remainder of the county.

Deaths from heart disease claimed the largest number of deaths and cancer, in its various forms, the second largest. Only two notifications of infectious disease were received, one of which was a paratyphoid infection. The source was not ascertained.

The water supply to the town has been satisfactory as regards quality, but during the summer months, when the population is considerably increased by holiday makers, the demand has, at times, exceeded the supply. Steps are, however, being taken to try and rectify this state of affairs.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is appended as a



separate item.

From his report and from the account given by myself it will be observed that the health of the inhabitants compares very favourably with the health of similar communities in England and Wales.

I. MORGAN WATKIN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Cardiganshire Joint District Councils,
County Offices,
Aberystwyth.
May, 1952.



SUMMARY OF GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	281
Pop. Census (1931)	1,112
Pop. Mid-year (1950) ..	1,065
No. of inhabited houses (1931)	378
Rateable value	£3,892
Sum represented by a penny rate	£16

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of registered live births (leg.	8	4	4
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Number of registered stillbirths	3		
Number of deaths	18	8	10
Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth			Nil.
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year ..			Nil.
Number of deaths of infants under 1 month ..			Nil.
Number of deaths from tuberculosis			1
Number of deaths from violence			Nil.



General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

- (a) No ante-natal or post-natal clinic is held in the district by the local health authority. Expectant and nursing mothers receive medical advice from their own medical practitioners.
- (b) An infant welfare clinic attended by a medical officer of the local health authority is held once a fortnight.
- (c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurse who is also a State Registered Midwife.
- (d) The New Quay Urban District Council area forms part of a much larger area covered by a Health Visitor of the County Council.
- (e) Home nursing is in the hands of the district nurse.
- (f) Vaccination is carried out by the person's own medical attendant but immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by medical officers of the local health authority.
- (g) An ambulance is stationed at New Quay which is used for general and accident work. Fever cases are usually removed by an ambulance ear-marked for infectious diseases and stationed at Aberystwyth.
- (h) Arrangements for the prevention of illness consist in periodic talks and advice by the medical officers of both the local health and the local authority.

Care and after care is in the hands of the district nurse and of the Health Visitor. Tuberculosis cases are also followed up by the Chest Physician's Health Visitor - a situation which,



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in my opinion, involves an unnecessary duplication of attention.

- (i) Domestic help is provided by suitable persons who are, as a rule, engaged locally.
- (j) ~~the~~ The town of Aberystwyth, about 20 miles distant, is the centre upon which the principal general hospital in the county, the infectious diseases' hospital, the maternity home and the Medical Research Council's Area Public Health Laboratory are based.

Infectious Diseases

The scarcity of infectious diseases' notifications gives cause for satisfaction. The failure to ascertain the source of the paratyphoid infection was not due to inactivity on the part of the Health Department's staff. The source of infection in an isolated case is, as a rule, extremely difficult to trace.

National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was taken by the Council under Section 47 of this Act.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE
NEW QUAY URBAN DISTRICT FOR 1950.

My report for 1950 for the Urban District of New Quay is as follows:-

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The system is working satisfactorily.

Closet Accommodation.

Number of Closets connected to the Sewerage System	..	414
Number of Closets connected to Cesspools and Septic Tanks	16	
Number of Pail and Earth Closets		20
Number of Conversions from pail to water closets during the year..		1
Number of pail closets within range of sewers not connected		6
New houses completed with water closets		16

Public Cleansing.

Refuse is collected once weekly and is dumped into the sea.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of Inspections of Houses		36
" " " " Dairies		12
" " " " Retailing Milk Carts		16
" " " " Bakehouses		12
" " " " Meat shops		12
" " houses visited upon notification of Inf. Dis.	..	-
" " houses disinfected after infectious disease	..	-

Notices under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Number of Informal Notices served		4
Number of Informal Notices complied with		4
Number of Statutory Notices served		-

Smoke Abatement.

No cause for action during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

None.

Camping Sites.

Number of sites which were used for camping during the year	1
Number of sites in respect of which licences were issued by the local authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1946	Nil
Estimated maximum number of Campers in the area at one time during the summer period.. .. .	16

H O U S I N G

Inspection of Dwelling Houses

Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts)	6
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Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	4
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Action under Statutory Powers.

No proceedings were taken.

Estimated number of dwelling houses which in normal times would be condemned	4
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Number of Inspections of Meat Shops	12
" " " " Restaurants	10
" " " " Premises where ice cream is sold	10
" " " " Bakehouses	12
" " " " Dairies	14

Articles of food which were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

<u>Article of food</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cause of Condemnation</u>
National Butter	21 lbs.	Rancidity
Hind quarter-Beef	218 lbs.	Bone taint



Ante - and post-mortem inspection of animals is carried out by the meat Inspectors at the Ministry of Food Distributing Centre, Lampeter, from where the meat retailers of the district received their supply.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Inspections carried out under the above enactments revealed no defects.

D. O. DAVIES, Cert. S.I.B.
Sanitary Inspector.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
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May, 1952.

